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### "TWILIGHT ZONE" AMERICANS.

A bitter blow has fallen on 200 or more American born residents of England. A cruel state department refuses to let them register as American citizens and refuses to give them passports. The tragic result is that a good many of the gentlemen concerned face the prospect of being drafted into the British army. For if they are not American citizens, it seems to follow naturally that they are British subjects and therefore liable to military service.

The English have coined an apt name for such persons. They are "Twilight Zones." They dwell neither in light nor in darkness, but in a shadowy borderland between the two nationalities.

In all of the cases in question, our state department maintains that the men and women now claiming the protection of the Stars and Stripes have really expatriated themselves. They may not have taken the oath of allegiance to the British sovereign, but they have made their homes in England for periods ranging from ten to thirty years, and in all that time have not performed any of the duties of American citizenship. They do not belong to the growing class of Americans who reside abroad as business representatives of American firms, and who usually preserve their Americanism unimpaired. They belong rather to the leisure classes living abroad from preference. And now, says Uncle Sam, having made their choice, let them stick to it.

There's a sort of poetic justice, too, in many of these cases. It is mostly such "Americans" as these who are responsible for the slanderous and disloyal criticism of the American people that has been so frequent in European capitals since the war began. "I am an American," such a person usually says by way of preface, "but I am ashamed of my country." Thus the poison sinks deeper, the slander spreads farther, than if the critic had spoken as a foreigner or simply as an impartial observer.

Real Americans, wherever they live, will shed few tears over the plight of these people who, having repudiated America now find themselves repudiated by America.

Burlington has entertained the diva, Emma Eames, and Rutland has entertained Mrs. Tom Taggart of French Lick Springs, wife of the famous Indiana democratic kingpin. The greenish hue toward the southeast is over Brattleboro, and reflects its jealousy.—Rutland News.

The News is rather short on material when it brings about entertaining the wife of a keeper of a great gambling joint. Emma Eames is all right, but the contemporary has probably forgotten that the leading contralto who sang with her in grand opera in Covent Garden, London, was a Brattleboro girl by birth and educational training. We have a suspicion that Brattleboro is the only town in the state that has entertained the four last Presidents of the United States. Try again, little one.

Senator Dillingham has written a circular to be distributed from Senator Page's political headquarters. The senator warmly endorses his colleague. We don't recall that Page did much for Dillingham when the latter was fighting for his last nomination. In any case we think Mr. Dillingham would have shown a finer sense of propriety and fitness if he had not mixed up in the struggle.

The 300 soldiers who started South from Essex Junction, with Eagle Pass as their destination, have a right to feel disgruntled in being called back after they had traveled 160 miles. Somebody in the war department blundered.

The office of sheriff in Windsor county is apparently regarded as a sinecure, as there are six Republicans who are seeking the nomination, and a seventh man, who announced himself as a candidate, has withdrawn from the race.

The Barton Monitor gives the junior United States senator an opportunity to make more explanations in its editorial under the caption Page's Washington Clerks.

Even the Manchester Union, which R. W. Pillsbury once owned, opposes his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the governorship in New Hampshire.

Great Britain is only one of 14 nations engaged in the European war, but its casualties for August totaled 4,711 officers and 123,234 men.

September morn.

Vermont's Finances.  
(Burlington Free Press.)

We have hitherto shown that Vermont has practically reached the limit of its sources of revenue in the matter of corporation taxation and so on. The financial statement issued by the state treasurer for the year ended June 30, 1916, indicated a deficit, and it is to be taken for granted that the situation for the year now begun will not improve to any material extent.

Good judges say an additional appropriation of from \$50,000 to \$75,000 will be necessary to complete and equip the new state building at Montpelier as it should be for the credit and profit of the people of Vermont, now that the project has been undertaken. The legislature about to go out of existence has just voted \$130,000 for the purpose of helping the federal administration carry out a patchwork scheme of national defense to tide over the national election. If the state ever gets back any of the money thus paid out, precedent indicates that it will be some time in a coming generation, and not in time to help out the present situation to any extent.

Under the circumstances, it is safe to say the legislature which meets next January will thus have as an inheritance from the present administration an obligation of \$200,000 or so, in addition to the increasing cost of the maintenance of all state institutions. Prices of food and other necessities are advancing and increased appropriations will be necessary for practically all departments the coming year.

This is especially true in view of the fact that roads are giving out under the wear of heavy auto trucks, with more money an absolute necessity, to say nothing of the increasing demands for improved school facilities.

Under these circumstances it will be absolutely necessary for the people of Vermont to send to the legislature, both the senate and house, men who can figure well for the state, as indicated by their ability to figure for themselves.

State Auditor Graham has demonstrated his ability to cut down expenses and he proposes, if elected governor, as he will be without question, to economize for the state by consolidating some of the commissions, as well as carefully watching appropriations. But no governor alone can ensure an economical two years of state government. He must have the co-operation of a good accountant and figure in the office of state auditor, as well as co-operation all along the line. We have looked over the field carefully with reference to the situation which will confront the people of Vermont with the beginning of the next session of the legislature and we are satisfied that instead of having in leading positions men who are generous in their habits of dealing with state funds we should have men who have shown in the past an inclination to deal with the money of the taxpayers of the state as carefully as they would husband their own funds.

We have become satisfied that Mr. Thomas H. Cave, who has been assistant state treasurer for four years, having served with both state treasurer Deavitt and State Treasurer Scott, has the experience as well as the tendencies and affiliations that will make him a more economical state auditor than general "Ben Gates," secretary to Governor Gates, much as we might like to do the latter a personal favor.

### CONGREGATIONALISTS TO MEET.

County Association to Convene in Putney Church Next Wednesday for 75th Annual Session.

The 75th annual meeting of the Windham Association of Congregational Churches will be held in the Congregational church in Putney Sept. 6. Following is the program:  
Wednesday morning—10:30, devotional service, W. M. Russell; 10:45, organization and business, report of the registrar; 11, sermon, Rev. A. E. Hartwell, and communion service, Rev. C. B. Atwood and Rev. George F. Chapin; luncheon.

Wednesday afternoon—1:30, devotional service, Rev. Henry H. Shaw; 1:45, business, report of treasurer, report of advisory committee, annual report from the churches, miscellaneous; 2:45, women's missionary hour. Devotional service, Mrs. C. H. Thompson; home mission work among young people, Miss Genevieve Williams; home mission work among juniors, Mrs. F. E. Perry; new plans of the women's board, Mrs. Edward Kirkland and Miss Florence Hemenway-Wells; 3:45, address, The Larger Life of the Local Church, Rev. R. H. Clapp, followed by discussion; 6, supper; 7:30, devotional service, Clarence Wright; 7:45, address, Rev. E. S. Tead, Boston; adjournment.

Each church is entitled to five delegates, one of whom shall be superintendent of the Sunday school provided he be elected by the church. Entertainment will be provided for delegates.

## WATCH YOUR STRAW HATS



## RANN-DOM REELS

Howard L. Rann

"Of shoes-and ships - and sealing wax-of cabbages-& kings"

### CRITICISM

Criticism is a barbed shaft which is aimed at the heads of people who have climbed far enough above sea level to make a good target.

Very few people escape criticism in one form or another, but when they do get off altogether it is time to pick out the quartet. The man who is criticised the most will usually be found in the possession of something which other people would like, but never had the nerve or the brain to go out and get.

It is a favorite pastime to criticize the pastor for the falling off in the Sunday evening attendance, but if every critic on the membership record were in his pew on Sunday the ushers would have to bring in chairs and the pastor would faint in a crumpled heap behind the pulpit. We have too much free-mouthed criticism of the clergy on the part of church members who will not attend divine worship because there is somebody on the official board who gave them nine bars of soap for a quarter instead of ten.

Probably the best target for the critic is the political candidate who won the nomination and would like to hold office long enough to get back 2 per cent of his campaign expenses. If there is anything the candidate's family didn't

know about him before he was nominated, they will not have to wait long after the primary election for first hand information of his character offered without money and without price. This is why so many men refuse to run for office and prefer to remain in some quiet business pursuit, so that they can go home at night without having a stony-faced wife dig into their past lives with a remorseless hand. Some kinds of criticism are worth the money. There have been times when a verbal up-pur, delivered with a smile, has straightened up many a man who thought he could drink or leave it alone. Perhaps a little more timely criticism in the home might save the boy or girl from the merciless jabs of the street-corner gossip and prevent a scandal that would rock the town from the four corners to the fair grounds. There is nobody who can sit down and criticize a boy and ring the bell's eye every time like his father, and the boy will remember it long after the voice of the good counselor is hushed. Love draws the teeth of criticism, which too often thinks it can accomplish most by a lapping.

If you must criticize other people, count up to one hundred first and then move to lay the motion on the table.

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### The Meddler

"If the coat fits you, put it on"

No one can blame the Vermont recruits for being thoroughly disgusted with the official red tape that brought them as far as Brattleboro on their way to Eagle Pass and then sent them back to Camp Governor Gates with the prospect that they will not get farther south than that station during their term of active service. However, in spite of their disappointment the boys should remember that it is the part of a good soldier to look at all orders philosophically and that they are serving their country best when they are doing their work cheerfully wherever they may be. Just what was responsible for the order that sent the Vermonters back to Burlington early yesterday morning has not been officially disclosed but it may safely be assumed that the reason was related in some way to the threatened railway strike.

It is passing strange, though, that the order could not have been given in time to save the troops the discomforts of a journey the length of the state and back although it may be that the ride, even with the disappointment at one end, was a welcome relief from the monotony of camp life.

Now that work has already begun preparatory to laying the foundation for H. G. Barber's new building at the corner of Main and Flat streets and the contract for the erection of Mr. Manley's new garage has been awarded there is every indication that Brattleboro will have an unusually busy fall in the building line. Work on the Holstein-Friesian building, the live stock sales pavilion, the federal building and numerous repair jobs has furnished employment for more than the average number of laborers and mechanics, and it is difficult to figure out how the newer projects can be pushed with any degree of rapidity unless the contractors are able to get considerable help from outside the town. However, the men who undertook the work were probably familiar with local conditions when they submitted their figures and no doubt have employees whom they can bring here. In any event there can be no complaint that there is not plenty of work in sight locally for the next several months, and at wages that ought to contribute to the general prosperity of the community.

No doubt the general feeling of caution among parents on account of the prevalence of infantile paralysis was responsible in great measure for the falling off in attendance at Brattleboro's second annual guest day. As stated in yesterday's Reformer there was a noticeable decrease in the number of children present and without question it was a wise precaution on the part of parents that kept them at home. The smaller number of registrations may also be accounted for by the fact that many of the visitors had a better idea this year of how they wanted to spend their time and therefore did not take the trouble to sign cards. The falling off in the number of registered guests should not be taken as an indication that the town's effort at hospitality was unappreciated, for one had only to mingle for a short time with Wednesday's visitors to be convinced that they were having a good time and realized fully to whom they were indebted for it.

Although Brattleboro, along with every other town in the country, would suffer severely from the effects of a general railroad strike it would not be in anything like the straits of the large cities that are dependent on daily railroad transportation for practically everything they eat. Our supply of milk and butter and eggs is largely local and for a while at least we can safely count on a considerable amount of garden sass. Moreover, the fact that the Central Vermont road is a part of the Canadian Grand Trunk systems means that our freight connections with New York and the west are not likely to be impaired in any event. Yes indeed, we might be a great deal worse off than we are.

Isn't it just a bit peculiar that at a plant where as much electricity is generated as at the Vernon dam it should be necessary to use a lantern in a building devoted to the storage of highly combustible oils?

The Meddler is sincerely sorry for the boys and girls who are just aching to resume their school duties but are prevented from so doing by a mandate from the state board of health. He knows exactly how he would have felt some fifty odd years ago if he had been forced to spend the early part of September outdoors instead of in the classroom.

### Page's Washington Clerks.

(Boston Monitor.)

Senator Page "unofficially" states that the affidavit of Arthur M. Rich, a young man formerly of Newport and well known by many Orleans county people, is "absolutely false." This affidavit is to the effect that Rich turned a part of his salary as clerk to Page or to some senate committee of which Page was a member, over to the

Senator. In other words Rich claims he did not retain the entire salary allowed by the government for his position, but gave to Senator Page a certain portion of it. This, Senator Page terms a "precious concoction."

The Monitor and many Orleans county people believe in Rich because we know him, and believe the Rich affidavit in the main. Judgments are not based upon the single statement contained in the Rich affidavit. Another Orleans county boy was formerly employed in Washington by Page in a similar position to that held by Rich. This young man told not one but several of Orleans county's leading men that he too turned a portion of his salary to Senator Page.

But the Monitor is not dependent upon the Rich affidavit or the story of the second Orleans county boy (now dead) as told his friends and neighbors. The writer himself was told by an employee of Senator Page several years ago of like practice in another case. And the Monitor has reason to believe there are still other former employees of Senator Page who can testify to corresponding practices with them. That Senator Page has in many instances made it a practice for his Washington clerks to turn over to him a portion of their salary is quite conclusively proven.

The practice is not criminal. Employees may hire with the understanding that they are to turn to their congressional employer any portion of their salary, although the Monitor understands the practice is not generally indulged in by senators, and at best is a mighty small practice. It must be remembered that the salary of a clerk is fixed by the United States, for work supposed to be done for the United States and is paid from the United States treasury to the clerk himself. A senator cannot draw the salary of a clerk or secretary and then pay the clerk.

The Monitor is convinced that Senator Page has carried on this practice in Washington for years and for him to unqualifiedly deny it damages Senator Page's cause tremendously in the Monitor's sight. His absolute denial of the entire Rich affidavit not only hurts Rich and others in whose integrity the Monitor has utmost confidence, as liars, but it weakens the senator's statements in other questions raised against him.

### SOUTH LONDONDERRY.

Mary Davies began teaching in

Wishall hollow Monday.

Mrs. Irene French began her school in East Jamaica on Monday.

Mrs. E. M. Elliott of Worcester, Mass., is a guest at B. B. Rawson's.

Mr. and Mrs. David Aldrich attended Old Home day in Wardsworth Friday.

Blanche Ramsdell went to Plainfield Saturday to begin her school on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis returned from their trip to Boston Tuesday evening.

Grace Rabbitt went to Jamaica on Monday to begin teaching in the village there.

E. W. Shine and A. P. Worden returned from their visit to Nyeck, N. Y., on Tuesday.

Several from here attended the concert in the north village Tuesday evening and enjoyed a rare treat.

Rena Mather of Brattleboro and Ruth Bigelow of Northfield, Mass., were recent guests at H. H. Vaile's.

Victor Boyden was at the railroad station in the absence of E. A. McLeary last week and is still there this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Clough and Leon Clough and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Benson are visiting in North Dana, Mass.

Fred Aldrich of Northampton, Mass., has been at David Aldrich's during the past week, recovering from an injury received on the electric cars.

O. D. Parker finished haying on his farm on Tuesday of last week and on Wednesday he took the workmen, eight in number, on an automobile trip to Granville, N. Y., where they attended an auction of thoroughbred cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Enwright and Miss Flora Enwright and Mrs. Ernest Abbott of Medford, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Rouse, Miss Caroline Enwright, Miss Isabel Taylor, T. J. Tucker and Mrs. Charles Burke of Burlington are guests at Rev. A. B. Enwright's this week.

**SOUTH WINDHAM.**

Chester Jones spent Sunday night with his uncle, Alva Harris.

Lyman C. Jenison is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jenison.

Jennie Fielding of Meriden, Conn., was a recent guest at Locust View farm.

E. L. Burbee of Springfield, Mass., was at his brother's, A. G. Burbee's, Sunday.

Little Violet and Ruby Harris are staying with their aunt, Mrs. J. N. Shaw, while their mother is in the hospital.

D. J. Frederick of Lexington, Mass., and H. C. Frederick of Bellows Falls were in town Sunday in the former's car.

Mrs. Alva Harris was taken by automobile to the Rockwell hospital in Bellows Falls Saturday night. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. N. Shaw, Dr. F. L. Gilbert and Mrs. C. D. Lillie.

Robert Jones had a narrow escape from drowning while attending the Sunday school picnic in East Jamaica. He was in bathing with several other boys and became exhausted and had gone down for the last time when he was rescued by one of his companions.

Mrs. Kittie Jones lost one of her work horses Aug. 22. Mrs. Jones and some of her summer guests were attending the union Sunday school picnic in East Jamaica. Her maid, Lillian Studivent, attempted to lead the horse out to water, when the animal broke away and jumped over the barnyard fence into a bog yard, striking on an ash post. The animal lived but a few seconds.

### GUILFORD CENTER.

Services will be resumed next Sunday by Rev. D. E. Trout. The hour for the coming Sunday is 2:30 o'clock.

Chia Tao Chen, financial adviser to the Chinese government, is a graduate of the University of California.

London covers 700 square miles.

## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

BRIGHT LITTLE STAR.

"Mr. Moon was very Blue last night," said Daddy.

"He really was a Blue sort of color, Daddy," said Nancy.

"To be sure," continued Daddy.

"That was his Blue suit. He had looked at his White suit, and at his Silver suit—but alas he didn't feel like wearing anything but his Blue suit. Even with the little Stars twinkling around him he couldn't make up his mind to wear anything else."

"Some of the Stars became unhappy too and went to sleep or disappeared from view. And Mr. Moon looked Bluer than the whole Sky."

"One very brave little Star was shining brightly."

"I think you need me around, Mr. Moon, just to chat with you."

"That's good of you, little Star, I would like to talk to you."

"All right," blinked the Star. "Only I don't know what to talk about. I don't want to talk about the Rain—for that might make me Blue too. It does look very much like Rain, though, and the Star almost faded out of sight."

"Then," said Mr. Moon. "We won't talk about the Rain. For I don't want you to leave me all alone in the Sky."

"But what shall I talk about," said the Star. "I'm not used to talking. I beam and sparkle and twinkle and all such things—but talking, alas and alack, I've never been much of a talker."

"Well," said Mr. Moon. "Then I'll say what we'll talk about." And Mr. Moon grinned a little. "We'll talk about the Moon."

"You mean you'll talk about yourself—and that I will listen, eh? And the Star twinkled very brightly, for it felt it had made a great joke."

"That's just it," said Mr. Moon. "You're a fine Star—you are. Just the kind of a companion I like—someone who'll listen to me talk when I'm Blue."

"I Can Only Look With One Eye."

and have to wear my Blue suit. I just hate this Blue suit."

"Now," thought the Star, "I can keep quiet. For the Moon has started telling me just how he feels."

"You see, it's this way," said Mr. Moon. "I'm sorry that my shape is the way it is."

"What's the matter with your shape?" asked the Star.

"I'm only half my size," said Mr. Moon. "I'm what the Earth People call a Half Moon. I wish it were my time to be round and fat—then I'd be jolly and happy. Now all these Fairies, and Elves and Brownies and Gnomes are having a great big Ball tonight and I only can look at them with one eye. That's why I'm so Blue."

"Oh," said the Star, "that is very sad. But listen to me, Mr. Moon. I'm not much of a talker. But I am very bright." And the Star twinkled and looked certainly very Bright indeed.

"Well," said Mr. Moon, "what good is it to me that you're Bright?"

"Because," said the Star. "I think I can make you happy. If you were to be round and fat and jolly all the time you wouldn't enjoy it. You like to change. You know you do. You're very proud of your different suits, and of your different shapes. Suppose you always had to be just the one shape like I am all the time. Would that make you happy?"

"No," said Mr. Moon. "You are quite right."

"And you do like your Blue suit, don't you? You're rather proud of it, aren't you?"

"Indeed I am," said Mr. Moon. "I know lots and lots of those Earth People are looking at me and saying how very